

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
AUG 11 2006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re United States Patent Application of:</b>	)	<b>Docket No.:</b>	<b>4179-126-RCE</b>
	)		
<b>Applicants:</b>	)	<b>Conf. No.:</b>	<b>2458</b>
	)		
<b>Application No.:</b>	)	<b>Art Unit:</b>	<b>3728</b>
	)		
<b>Date Filed:</b>	)	<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>David Fidei</b>
	)		
<b>Title:</b>	)	<b>Customer No.:</b>	
	)		
<b>PRESS-FLAT CENTRIFUGE</b>	)		
<b>TUBE AND SPECIMEN</b>	)		
<b>COLLECTION ASSEMBLY</b>	)		
<b>COMPRISING SAME</b>	)		

**23448**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN**  
**U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/633,238**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.

- ☐ a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable

08/14/2006 MBINAS 00000003 10633238

02 FC:1806

100.00 OP


**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

4179-126-RCE

inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).

- ☒ c. Attached is credit card form in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). Please credit or debit Deposit Account No. 08-3284 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Vincent K. Gustafson  
Reg. No. 46,182  
Attorney for Applicants

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/  
TECHNOLOGY LAW  
Phone: (919) 419-9350  
Fax: (919) 419-9354  
Attorney File No.: 4179-126-RCE

Enclosure:

IDS Forms [1 pg.]

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees properly payable for this document to Deposit Account No. 083284

PTO/SB/08a (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		<b>Complete if Known</b>		<b>RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER AUG 1 2006</b>
		Application Number	10/633,238	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use as many sheets as necessary)		Filing Date	2/27/2006	
		First Named Inventor	SHAH, Tilak	
		Art Unit	3728	
		Examiner Name	FIDEI, David	
		Attorney Docket Number	4179-126-RCE	
Sheet	1	of	1	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (If known)			
	AF	US- 2004/0161788 -- A1	08-19-2004	Chen, Shuqi, et al.	
	AG	US- 3,640,268 -- A	02-08-1972	Davis, Hugh J.	
	AH	US- 4,789,639 -- A	12-06-1988	Fleming, Beverly M.	
	AI	US- 5,830,154 -- A	11-03-1998	Glodstein, Andrew Sherman, et al.	
	AJ	US- 4,803,998 -- A	02-14-1989	Kezes, C. Albert, et al.	
	AK	US- 4,820,292 -- A	04-11-1989	Korol, Bernard, et al.	
	AL	US- 2002/0197738 -- A1	12-28-2002	Matsumoto, Yuko, et al.	
	AM	US- 2004/0214316 -- A1	10-28-2004	O'Connell, David	
	AN	US- 5,240,130 -- A	08-31-1993	Osbakk, Georg	
	AO	US- 5,174,458 -- A	12-29-1992	Segati, Umberto D.I.	
	AP	US- 2004/0267181 -- A1	12-30-2004	Tuite, James Joseph, et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (If known)				

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.